

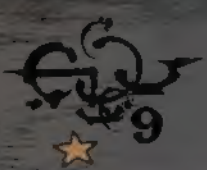


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KABUL, AFGHANISTAN.
WEDNESDAY.

SO, MISTER
CHING, I TRUST
YOU'RE ENJOYING
YOUR TIME IN OUR
FAIR COUNTRY?

THIS IS FRANCIS WAI-HONG
CHING, PRESIDENT AND
CEO OF CHINGCORP.



THE TRUTH,
MISTER SAFIN?

OF COURSE,
MY FRIEND.

FRANKLY I FIND
YOUR CITY AND IT'S
PEOPLE QUITE
DISTASTEFUL.

AND I WORRY
THAT I WILL NEVER
GET THE STENCH OF
KABUL OFF OF MY CLOTHES.

«GIRLS, TEA.»

ONE OF THE SECRETS OF MY EMPLOYER'S
SUCCESS IS THAT HE'S WILLING TO GO TO
PLACES THAT OTHERS WON'T DARE.

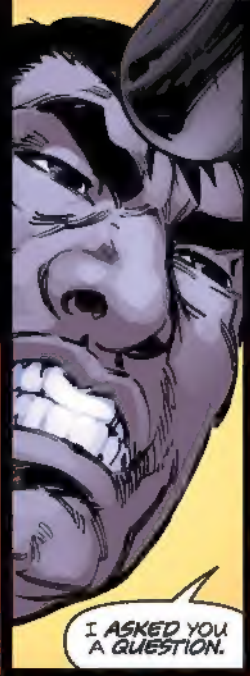
THAT FEARLESS PHILOSOPHY HAS
HELPED BUILD CHINGCORP INTO A MULTI-
BILLION DOLLAR MULTI-NATIONAL
CORPORATION WITH OFFICES ON SIX
DIFFERENT CONTINENTS.

MY EMPLOYER.

«TRANSLATED
FROM CHINESE
MANDARIN.»

HAHAHA!
YOU'RE AN
ENTERTAINING
MAN, MISTER
CHING. I BELIEVE
I SHALL ENJOY
DOING
BUSINESS
WITH YOU.





I ASKED YOU
A QUESTION.



MY PRIMARY TASK IS
TO ENSURE HIS SAFETY.



THUMP

AND I TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY.





LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
FRIDAY MORNING.

AND LASTLY
AS YOU CAN SEE ON
YOUR CHARTS, OUR
LATEST TERRITORIAL
ACQUISITIONS IN CENTRAL
ASIA WILL ALLOW US
UNPRECEDENTED
ACCESS TO THOSE
REGIONS.

PERIODICALLY, MY EMPLOYER
MAKES HIS PRESENTATION TO
HIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

OUR DEVELOPMENT TEAMS
ARE ALREADY EN ROUTE TO THE
REGION, BUT EVEN CONSERVATIVE
ESTIMATES ARE SHOWING OVER 4
BILLION CUBIC CENTIMETERS OF
NATURAL GAS DEPOSIT--

BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE
RISK... SIR?

MISTER
CHU?

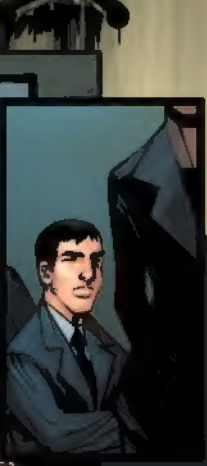
...I JUST FEEL THAT
THE GOVERNMENTS
OF AFGHANISTAN AND
PAKISTAN ARE... UH...
TOO UNSTABLE FOR US
TO COMMIT SO MANY
RESOURCES.

ALAN CHU, A SENIOR EXECUTIVE
FROM NEW YORK, OFTEN PAYS
TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO MY
EMPLOYER'S ACTIVITIES.

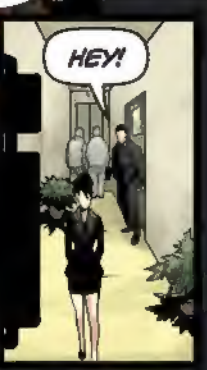


...TO ME.

OTHERS PAY TOO
MUCH ATTENTION...



MEETING
ADJOURNED,
GENTLEMEN.

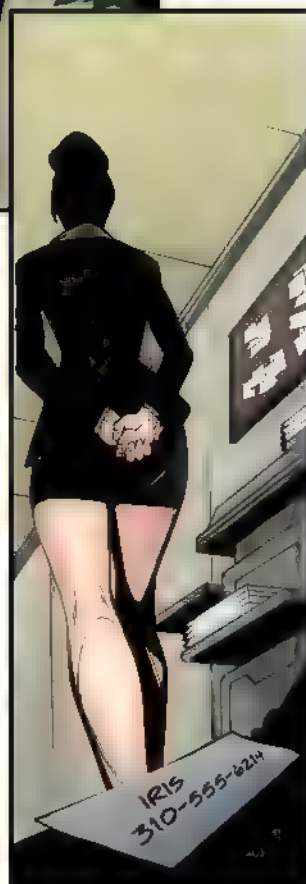
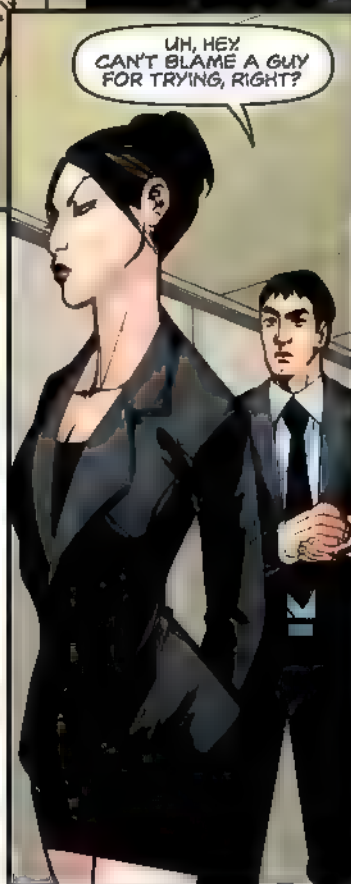


HEY!

LET US
TABLE YOUR
SUGGESTION
AND TAKE IT UP
MONDAY, ALL
RIGHT?

I APPRECIATE
THE INPUT OF ANY
MEMBER OF THE
BOARD, MISTER
CHU.

PERHAPS WE
SHOULD PUT SUCH
AN IMPORTANT
VENTURE TO A
BOARD VOTE,
UH... SIR.



WILSHIRE CORRIDOR.

THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT OF MY
LIFE WAS THE DAY THAT MY EMPLOYER
CHOSE ME TO SERVE HIM.

THAT MOMENT, WHEN I WAS PLUCKED
FROM THE SQUALOR OF THE ACADEMY,
CHOSEN OVER ALL THE OTHER GIRLS
CLAMORING FOR HIS ATTENTION...
I'LL CHERISH THE MEMORY FOREVER.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I NEVER
COULD HAVE IMAGINED BEING
AMONGST SUCH LUXURY...
SUCH OPULENCE.

IT IS TRULY
A BLESSING.

I KNOW THAT
FOOL, RUCKER,
HAS BEEN PAYING
ATTENTION TO
YOU.

AND REGARDING
MISTER CHU,
HIS POSITION ON THE
BOARD HAS BECOME
UNTENABLE.

HE MAY BE
YOUNG, BUT HE HAS
CONNECTIONS. HUMOR HIM.
RESPOND TO HIM. I'M
CURIOUS WHERE HIS
ALLEGIANCES LIE.

HIS EMPLOYMENT
MUST BE
TERMINATED.

CENTURY CITY. SATURDAY.

ALAN CHU HAS BEEN WITH THE COMPANY FOR 11 YEARS.

MOMMY--
DADDY-- CATCH
MEEEEEEEEEE!

A GRADUATE OF THE WHARTON SCHOOL OF
BUSINESS (WHERE HE MET HIS FUTURE WIFE),
CHU HAS BEEN A GREAT ASSET TO THE
COMPANY DURING ITS RECENT EXPANSION.

HIS CONNECTIONS TO
ASIAN DISCRETIONARY FUNDS
HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE.

SLOW DOWN,
LEELEE, WE'RE
INSIDE NOW.

WEE
EEEEEE
EE!

I'LL GET THE
ELEVATOR!

HAVE
A GOOD
EVENING,
SIR.

THANK YOU.
GOOD NIGHT!

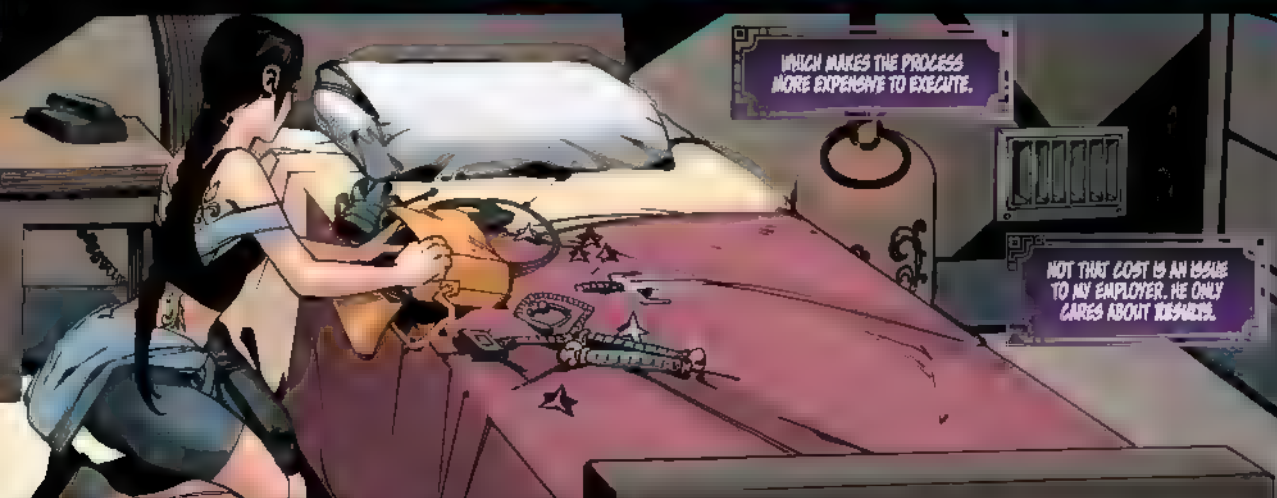
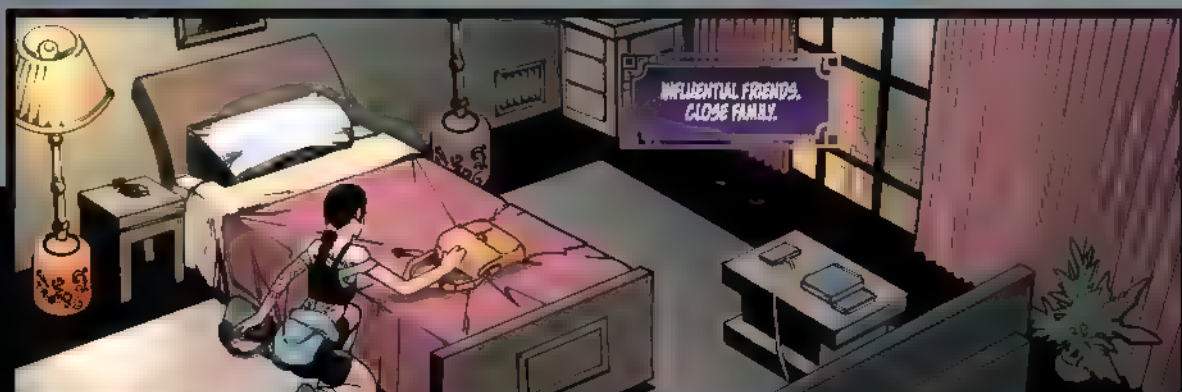
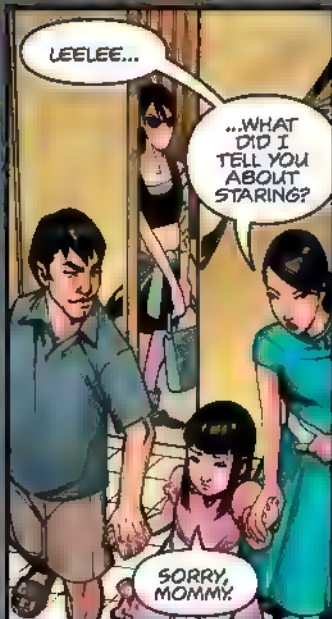
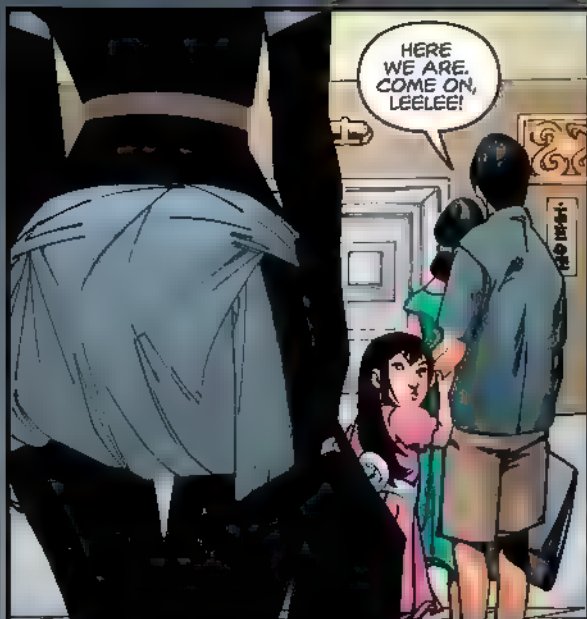
HOLD IT,
PLEASE!

PARDON ME.

LEELEE!

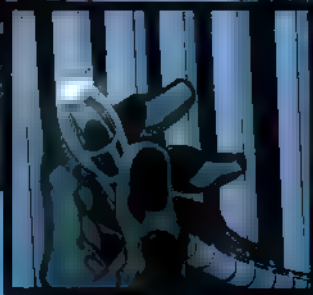
MOMMY SHE'S
PRETTY

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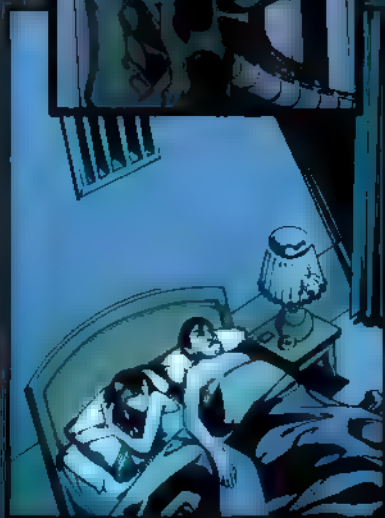


3 HOURS, 30
MINUTES LATER.

IN TODAY'S WORLD, WITH
THE SOPHISTICATED NATURE OF
GENETIC TESTING AND ENHANCED
FORENSIC TECHNIQUES...

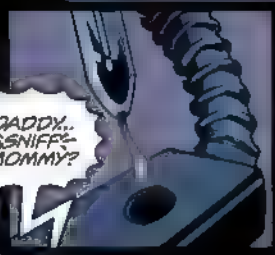


...IT'S MORE DIFFICULT
THAN EVER TO HIDE THE
TRUE CAUSE OF DEATH.

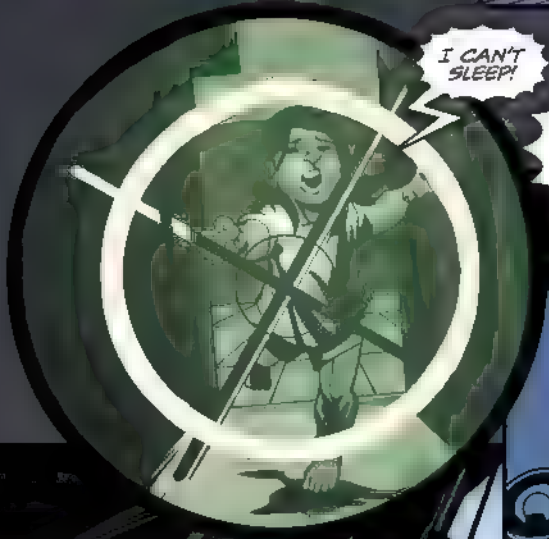


TECHNIQUES HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE INFAMOUS NINJA ISHIKAWA GOEMON USED A LONG PIECE OF THREAD AND POISON DERIVED FROM HORSE FECES IN AN ATTEMPT TO KILL DAIMYO ODA NOBUNAGA.

BUT THE EXPECTED RESULTS ARE STILL THE SAME.



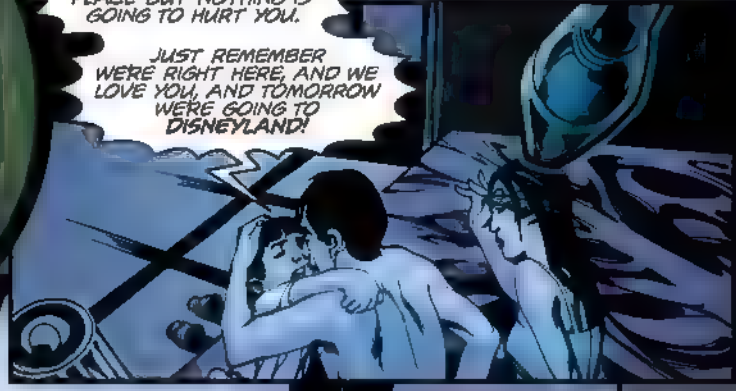
DADDY...
-SNIFFS-
MOMMY?



I CAN'T
SLEEP!

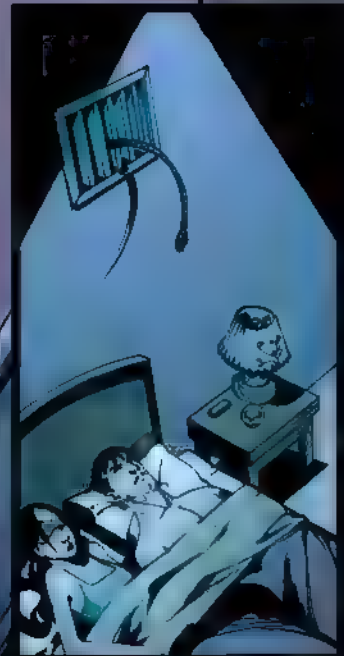
AWWWW, COME HERE,
HONEY. I KNOW IT'S HARD
TO SLEEP IN A STRANGE
PLACE BUT NOTHING IS
GOING TO HURT YOU.

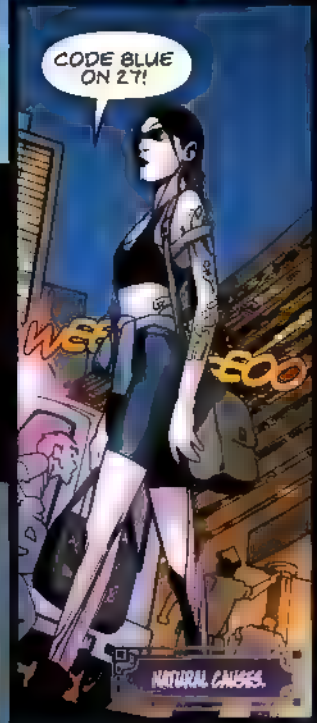
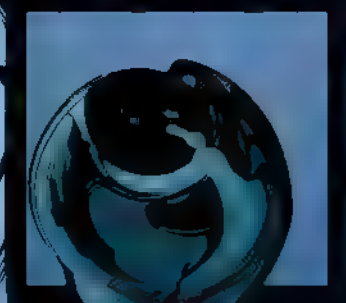
JUST REMEMBER
WE'RE RIGHT HERE, AND WE
LOVE YOU, AND TOMORROW
WE'RE GOING TO
DISNEYLAND!



GOOD NIGHT,
DADDY. GOOD
NIGHT, MOMMY.

GOOD NIGHT,
BABY. WE LOVE
YOU.





MALIBU, CALIFORNIA.
SUNDAY.

THANKS FOR
COMING OUT WITH ME,
IRIS. CRAZY NEWS
ABOUT CHU, HUH?

SO YOUNG FOR
A HEART ATTACK.
MUST'VE RUN IN
HIS FAMILY OR
SOMETHING.

ANYWAY, YOU
KNOW, THERE ARE A
COUPLE OF SPOTS IN L.A.
THAT REALLY MEAN A LOT TO
ME, AND WHEN I'M WITH
SOMEONE SPECIAL, I JUST
FEEL LIKE SHARING IT,
YOU KNOW?

AH, HERE
IT IS.

WHERE IS IT?
ALL I SEE IS THIS,
UM, MINIATURE
GOLF PLACE?

OH.

I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
YOU, BUT WHERE
I COME FROM,
LOSER BUYS
DINNER.

I SEE...

breeep

TELL
HIM YOU'RE
BUSY!

THIS IS IRIS...
YES, SIR...
I'LL BE RIGHT
THERE, SIR.

PLEASE
TAKE ME BACK
NOW, MISTER
RUCKER.

SOON...

WHILE I MUST ADMIT HE WAS SOMEWHAT ENTERTAINING, MISTER RUCKER'S ANTICS WERE A BIT... IMMATURE.

UNLIKE MY EMPLOYER, A MAN OF EXQUISITE TASTE AND REFINEMENT WHO EXPECTS NOTHING LESS FROM ME.

A GENEROUS MAN, HE ENSURES THAT I'M CONSISTENTLY SUPPLIED WITH THE MOST LUXURIOUS FRAGRANCES AND LOTIONS...

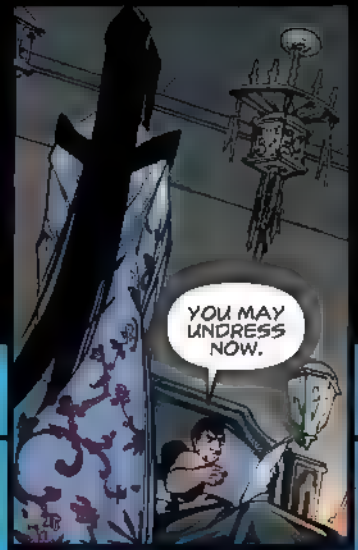
...AND GOWNS THAT ARE HAND-WOVEN FROM RARE CHINESE SILK.



ALL THIS HE HAS
GIVEN TO ME...

...AND I IMMERSE
MYSELF IN IT...

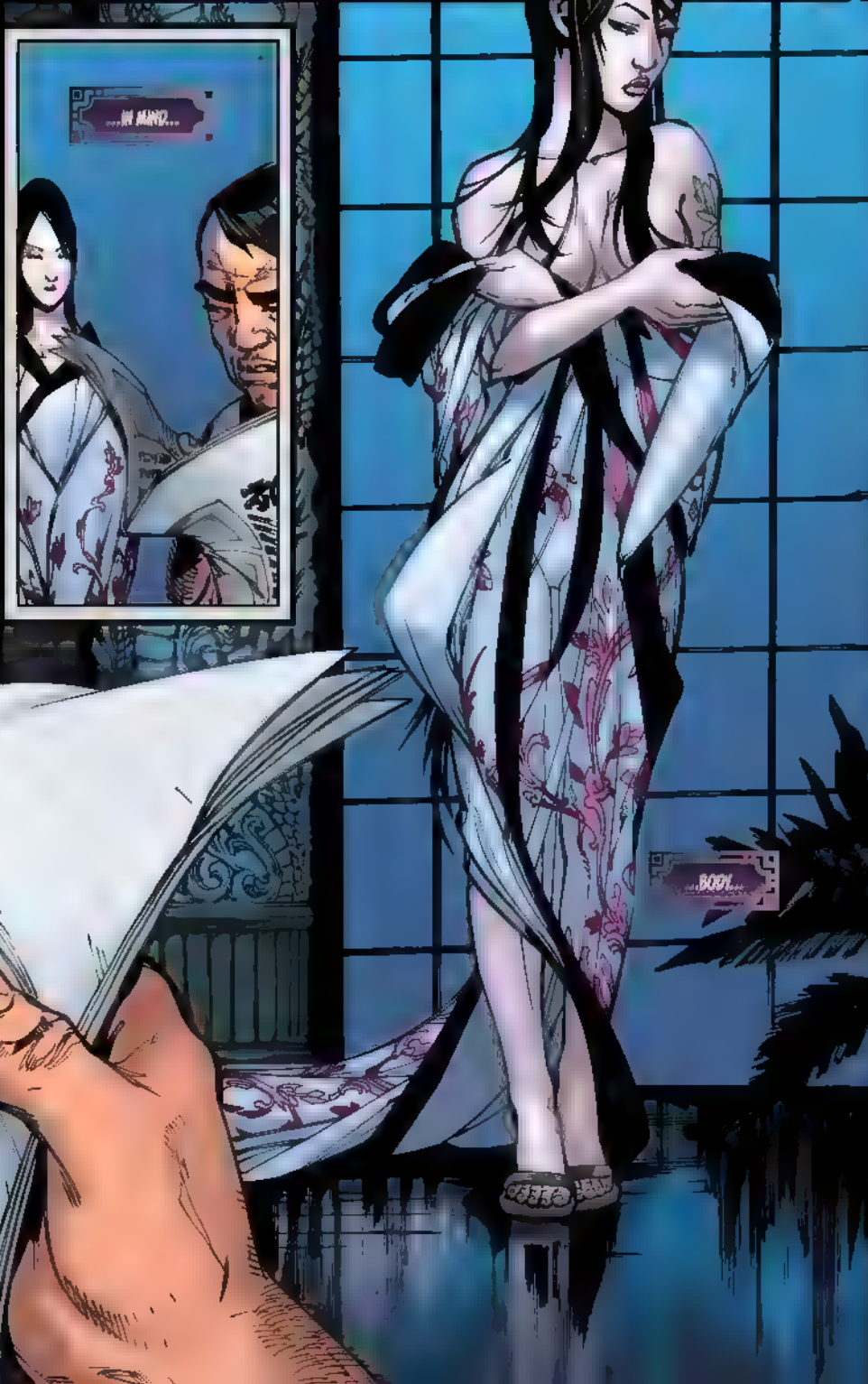
...FOR I
SERVE AT HIS
PLEASURE...



YOU MAY
UNDRESS
NOW.



IN MIND...



BODY...



...AND SPIRIT.

RAKAMPA MEDITATION
CENTER, NEW YORK.
MONDAY.

MY EMPLOYER FELT THAT IT WAS
ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO
ATTEND MASTER CHU'S FUNERAL.

SHORT,
ALAS, IS THE
LIFE OF A
MAN...

WE FELT IT WAS THE
LEAST HE COULD DO...

...LIMITED AND
FLEETING, FULL OF PAIN
AND TORMENT.

...UNDER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE MAN LED AN
EXEMPLARY LIFE.

ONE
SHOULD WISELY
UNDERSTAND
THIS...

...DO GOOD
DEEDS AND
LEAD A HOLY
LIFE...

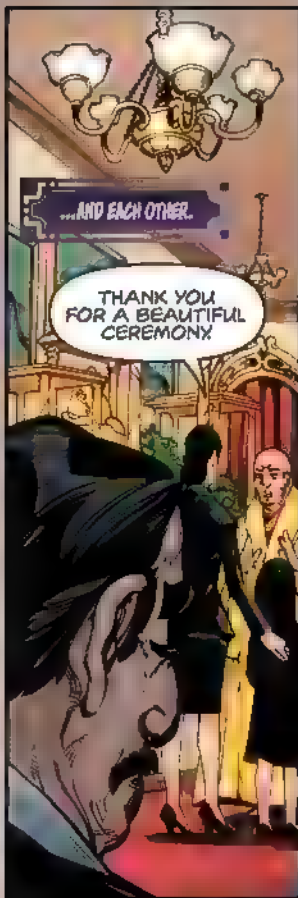
...FOR NO
MORTALS
EVER ESCAPE
DEATH.

FAMILY AND
FRIENDS OF THE
DECEASED ALAN
HANN LI CHU, DO NOT
WEEP OR LAMENT
WITH GRIEF...

HIS FAMILY SHOULD
BE VERY PROUD.

...TO DO
SO WOULD DO
NOTHING FOR THE
DECEASED, WHO
WILL REMAIN AS
THEY ARE. NOW
PLEASE RISE.

ALTHOUGH I'M NOT RELIGIOUS, MYSELF I
APPRECIATE THAT MASTER CHU'S FAMILY
CAN FIND SOME COMFORT IN THEIR FAITH...



...AND EACH OTHER.

THANK YOU
FOR A BEAUTIFUL
CEREMONY



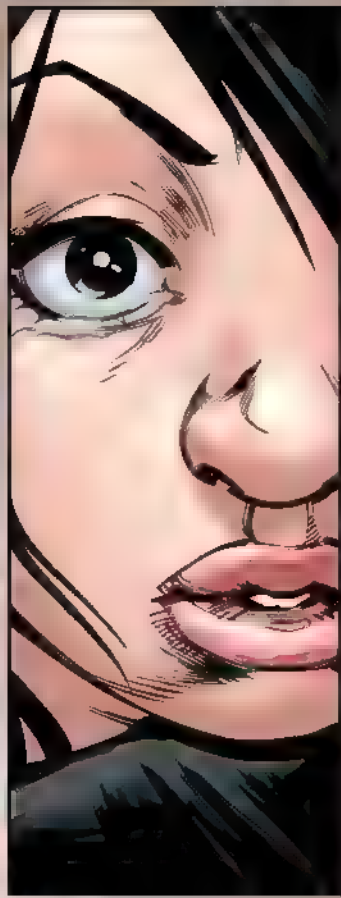
YOUR HUSBAND
WAS A KIND AND
LOVING MAN, MRS.
CHU.

→SNIFF← THANK
YOU... HE ALWAYS
CONSIDERED YOU A
FRIEND, SAM.



YOUR DADDY
LOVED YOU,
LEELEE, AND HE
STILL DOES.

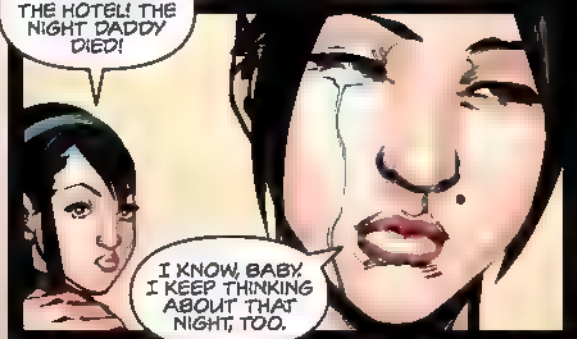
BUT I MISS
HIM! I--



MOMMY--
I-- IT'S...

...IT'S
HER!

IT'S HER,
MOMMY FROM
THE HOTEL! THE
NIGHT DADDY
DIED!



I KNOW, BABY.
I KEEP THINKING
ABOUT THAT
NIGHT, TOO.



⟨HAVE THE JET
FUELED AND READY
FOR DEPARTURE IN 20
MINUTES. WE NEED TO
GET TO THE ROUND
TABLE.⟩

⟨YES, OF
COURSE.⟩

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.
MONDAY EVENING.

THE ROUND TABLE. IN A SENSE, IT'S REALLY
JUST ANOTHER BOARD MEETING... WITH THE
MEN WHO MY EMPLOYER CALLS THE "SILENT
PARTNERS" OF THE COMPANY.

NEVER IN PLAIN SIGHT, THEY MEET IN THE
BACK ROOMS OF VARIOUS RESTAURANTS
AROUND THE WORLD.

BECAUSE THESE MEETINGS ARE
NOT FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, NOT
WHEN THE MEMBERS INCLUDE:

TAKESO SUZUKI, OWNER OF A SERIES
OF GANG-OPERATED PACHINKO
PARLORS, CASINOS AND BROTHELS
IN JAPAN, CHINA AND THAILAND.

VICTOR HWANG, WORLDWIDE
IMPORTER/EXPORTER OF FINE GOODS,
BUT AT ONE TIME HE LED THE MOST
POWERFUL GANG IN SHANGHAI-- AND
HIS HANDS ARE STILL QUITE UNCLEAN.

SHUJI WAI HONG LI,
OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS "FATHER,"
JAPANESE/CHINESE
SHIPPING MAGNATE-- AND
THE MAN WHO RUNS THE
ACADEMY THAT TRAINED
(AND RAISED) ME.

MISTER CHING,
BEFORE YOU
ARRIVED WE WERE
ALL... REMARKING
ON YOUR RECENT
SUCCESSSES.

THANK YOU.
AND I TRUST
THAT YOU ALL
HAVE NOTICED
YOUR RECENT
DIVIDENDS HAVE
REFLECTED
THAT.

BUT OF
COURSE...

IS THERE
SOMETHING ON
YOUR MIND, SHUJI,
MY FRIEND?

YES, MY
FRIEND.
THERE IS.



AND YOU'RE ALL IN AGREEMENT ON THIS-- THIS EXTORTION?



LOS ANGELES.
TUESDAY MORNING.

I MUST
THINK ABOUT
THIS. CONTEMPLATE
MY NEXT MOVE
CAREFULLY AND
DELIBERATELY.



DAMN
THEM!

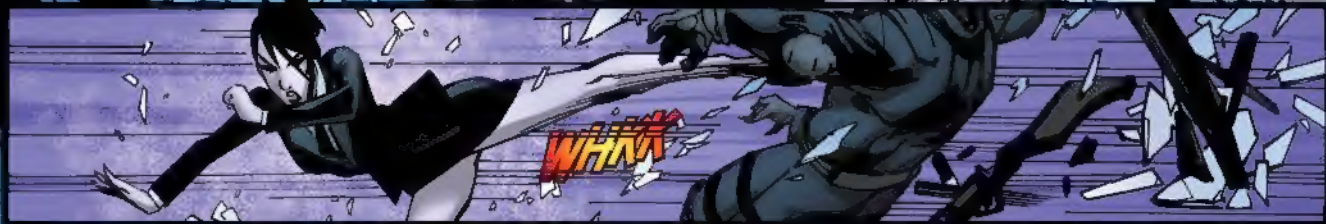
WE'RE NO
LONGER SAFE HERE,
IRIS. THIS IS TOO
OBVIOUS OF A
TARGET.

HAVE THE
JET FUELED AND
READY TO LEAVE
IN A HALF
HOUR.

WE'RE GOING
TO THE VANCOUVER
OFF-- IRIS, ARE YOU
LISTENING TO ME?
HOW DARE
YOU--

SIR-- GET
DOWN!

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?





TO BE CONTINUED IN
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